

[English]

Smuggling of Valuable Timber

3029. SHRI DWARAKA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that 15 Wagon-load of valuable timber booked for Kongkoria railway station in Gujarat from Bhairabi railway station in Mizoram reached Badarpur railway junction of Karimganj District on transit;

(b) whether the timber with an approximate value of Rs. 5 crores is being smuggled out from Hailakundi; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected from the concerned State Government and will be laid on the table of the House.

Unauthorised Bangladeshi Migrants

3030. SHRI B.L. SHARMA 'PREM' : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of unauthorised Bangladeshi Migrants so far repatriated to Bangladesh, year-wise;

(b) the number of unauthorised Bangladeshi migrants still staying in India, State-wise;

(c) the number of Bangladeshi migrants who enrolled themselves as ration-card holders and voters; and

(d) the plans and the measures being taken for repatriation of the migrants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d). The interception/apprehension of unauthorised Bangladeshi migrants and their repatriation to Bangladesh is an on-going process. The international border of India with Bangladesh runs in a crisis cross manner through populated areas, rivers, swamps, forests and difficult hilly terrain. The population on both sides of the border comes from the same ethnic and linguistic stock. It is, therefore, difficult to give the exact number of infiltrators who have come to India and settled down. The Government is, however, alive to the problem of infiltration and has taken several measures to check the same. These include, inter alia, raising of additional battalions under the expansion plan of the Border Security Force, reducing gaps between border outposts, intensification of patrolling, raising of riverine water wing of the BSF, construction of border roads and fencing and provision of night vision devices. In addition, there

are scheme such as the Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners (PIF) and Mobile Task Force (MTF) which are being implemented by identified States to detect infiltrators. Standing instructions have been issued to the State Governments and the UT Administrations for detection and deportation of infiltrators.

[Translation]

Latest Signal Technique in Delhi

3031. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are contemplating any proposal for using the latest signal technique to control the traffic in the National Capital Region of Delhi;

(b) if so, the main features thereof;

(c) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(d) the estimated amount likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d). The Delhi Traffic Police has installed two 'Fully Vehicle Actuated Road Traffic Signal Controllers' which sense the traffic through detectors installed at appropriate positions. These detectors provide current traffic information to the controllers. The controllers essentially extend the green signal time corresponding to the traffic volume as sensed by the detectors but within the maximum green signal time. The maximum and minimum green signal time are user programmable.

The Delhi Traffic Police has another proposal for using the latest signal techniques viz. 'Computerised Area Traffic Control System'. The main features of this system are that it is fully responsive to the traffic flow conditions, adapts in real time to traffic changes and is suitable for implementation on all types of urban roads, grids, networks and arterials. It is proposed to implement this system during the current financial year at an estimated cost of Rs. 8.47 crores.

[English]

Booking of Luggage

3032. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Eastern Railway have decided not to book luggage in small quantities;

(b) if so, the loss incurred by the Eastern Railway as a result thereof;

(c) whether the Government are considering to review the decision; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Grant scheme on Tractors

3033. SHRI BHIMRAO VISHNUJI BADADE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state .

(a) whether the Government propose to start a grant schemes on 1800 cc tractors and its supplementary equipments for mechanization the farming by the small peasants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the 1800 cc tractors are manufactured in the foreign countries and their equipments etc. are not available in India thefeby rendering them not of much avail for the Indian farmers if they go out of order, and

(d) if so, whether the Government are considering to provide the grants on 3500 cc tractors instead of 1800 cc tractors?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). A Plan Scheme having the provision of subsidy @ 30% of the cost of tractor including permissible number of implements with a maximum limit of Rs. 30,000/- for the purchase of tractors upto 30 Power Take Off Horse Power capacity for the VIII Plan period has already been sanctioned by the Government. Subsidy is available to the individual farmers or group of farmers irrespective of the size of their land holdings. Subsidy is also admissible to the Registered Cooperative Societies, Agricultural Credit Societies and Multi-purpose Agricultural Farming Societies regardless of the arable land under their command.

(c) and (d). Tractors of various engine capacity including those in the range of 1800 cc and their implements are manufactured in the country.

Bhoj Wetland Project, Bhopal

3034. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of the implementation of Bhoj Wetland Project in Bhopal for which financial assistance has been received from Japan;

(b) the total amount likely to be spent on the impelmentation of the said project; and

(c) the percentage of financial assistance shared by the State and Union Government and the assistance received from Japan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) The Bhoj Wetland Project, Bhopal is under implementation since April, 1995. Till July, 1996, an amount of Rs. 875.10 lakhs had been spent on the project. Detailed Projected Reports have been prepared for various sub projects. The work is in progress.

(b) and (c). The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 231.51 crores of which, loan assistance of Yen 705 million from the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan is available. The remaining expenditure shall be made by the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

[English]

Fertilizer Plant in Nellore

3035. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of survey regarding acquirement land for setting up Fertilizer Plant at Racharlapadu in Nellore District of Andhra Pradesh by IFFCO; and

(b) the details of cost, production and commencement of plant etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) The alienation of Government land and acquisition of private land is the responsibility of the State Government. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has initiated the process for alienating about 2450 acres of Government land and acquiring 250 acres of private patta land, required for the proposed Nellore project of Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO).

(b) The capital cost of the project has been estimated at Rs. 1568 crore for a production capacity of 7.26 lakh metric tonnes of urea per annum. The plant is expected to go into commercial production within 39 months of the zero date.

Revenue from Passenger Traffic and Goods Transportation

3036. SHRI A. SAMPATH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total revenue earned from passenger traffic per annum during 1994 and 1995, zone-wise; and

(b) the quantity of goods transported?